

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2747–2748. **Page S5308**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2046, to reauthorize the Next Generation Internet Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–310) **Page S5308**

Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act—Conference Report: By a unanimous vote of 87 yeas (Vote No. 133), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Beverly B. Martin, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Jay A. Garcia-Gregory, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

Laura Taylor Swain, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S5290**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ruth Martha Thomas, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Allan I. Mendelowitz, of Connecticut, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2007.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Bruce A. Morrison, of Connecticut, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2007 (Reappointment), which was sent to the Senate on October 29, 1999.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—133) **Page S5289**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 12:34 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, June 19, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5281.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: On Thursday, June 15, Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Johnnie B. Rawlinson, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; John W. Darrah, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; Paul C. Huck, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida; Joan Humphrey Lefkow, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; and George Z. Singal, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, after

the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Rawlinson was introduced by Senators Reid and Bryan, Mr. Darrah was introduced by Senators Fitzgerald and Durbin and Representative Hyde, Ms. Lefkow was introduced by Senators

Durbin and Fitzgerald, Mr. Huck was introduced by Senators Mack and Graham, and Mr. Singal was introduced by Senators Snowe and Collins and Representatives Baldacci and Allen.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, June 19.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D542)

H.R. 3293, to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service. Signed June 15, 2000. (P.L. 106-214)

H.R. 4489, to amend section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. Signed June 15, 2000. (P.L. 106-215)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 19 through June 24, 2000

Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 2549, Defense Authorization. Also on *Tuesday*, Senate will begin consideration of S. 2522, Foreign Operations Appropriations.

During the remainder of the week, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriations bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: June 20, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

June 21, Full Committee, with the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold joint hearings on S. 2697, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance

competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: June 21, to hold hearings to examine security failures at Los Alamos National Laboratory; to be followed by a closed hearing (SH-219), 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: June 20, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine proposals to promote affordable housing, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

June 21, Full Committee, with the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold joint hearings on S. 2697, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: June 21, to hold hearings to examine the proposed United-US Airways merger, focusing on its effect on competition in the industry, and the likelihood it would trigger further industry consolidation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: June 20, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

June 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

June 21, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 1848, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planing, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project; S. 1761, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conserve and enhance the water supplies of the Lower Rio Grande Valley; S. 2301, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Lakehaven water reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water; S. 2400, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; S. 2499, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Pennsylvania; and S. 2594, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of nonproject water for the purpose of